

# Status of Travel Management Rule on AZ National Forests



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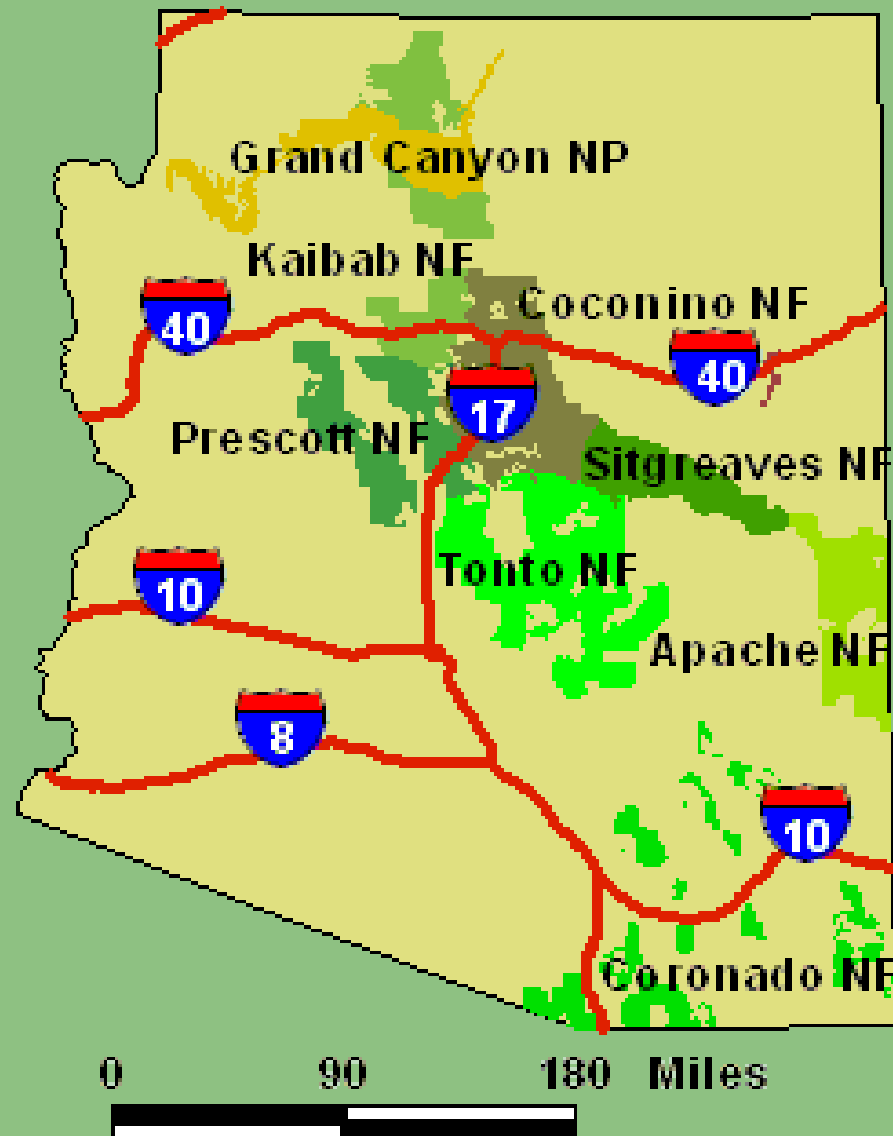
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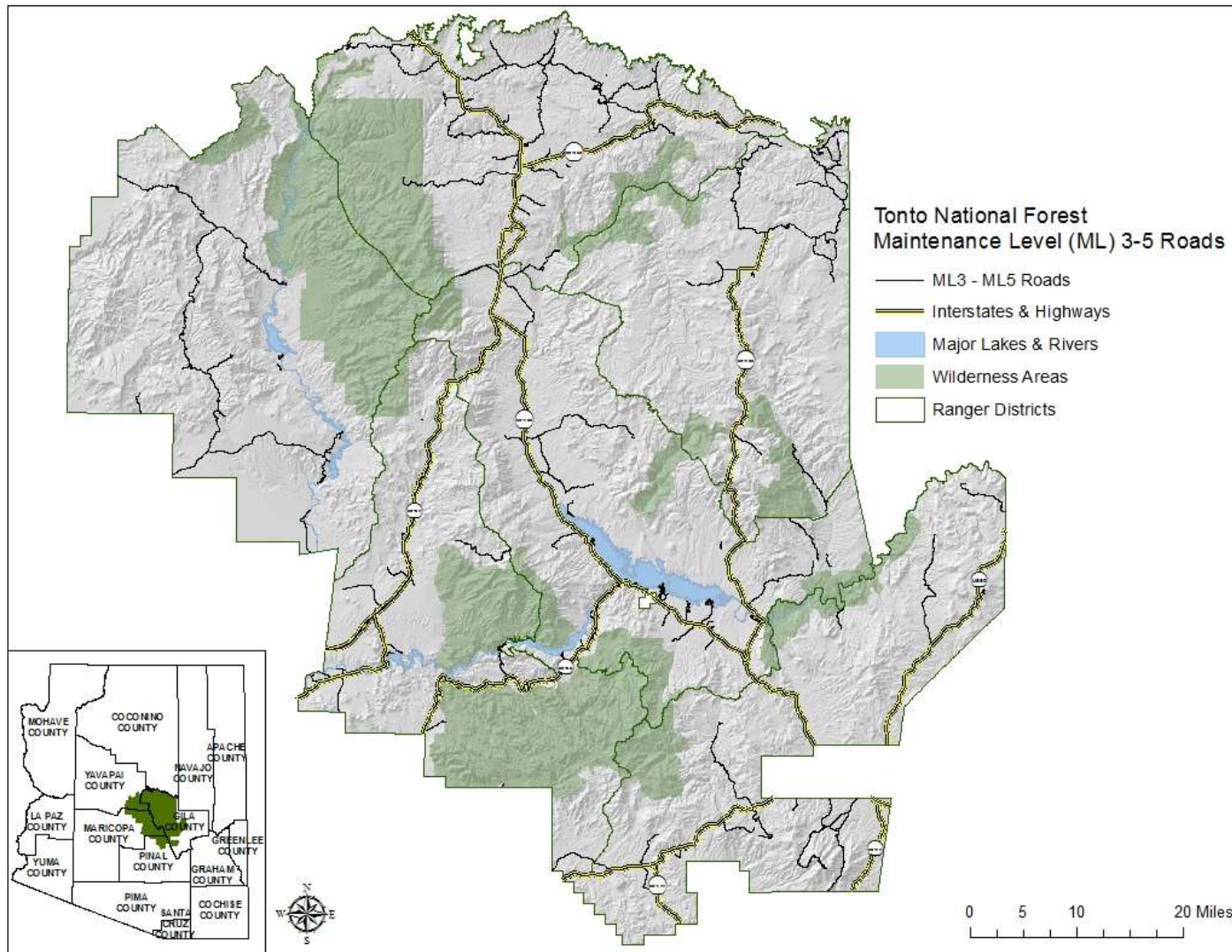
# Examples



# National Forests in AZ



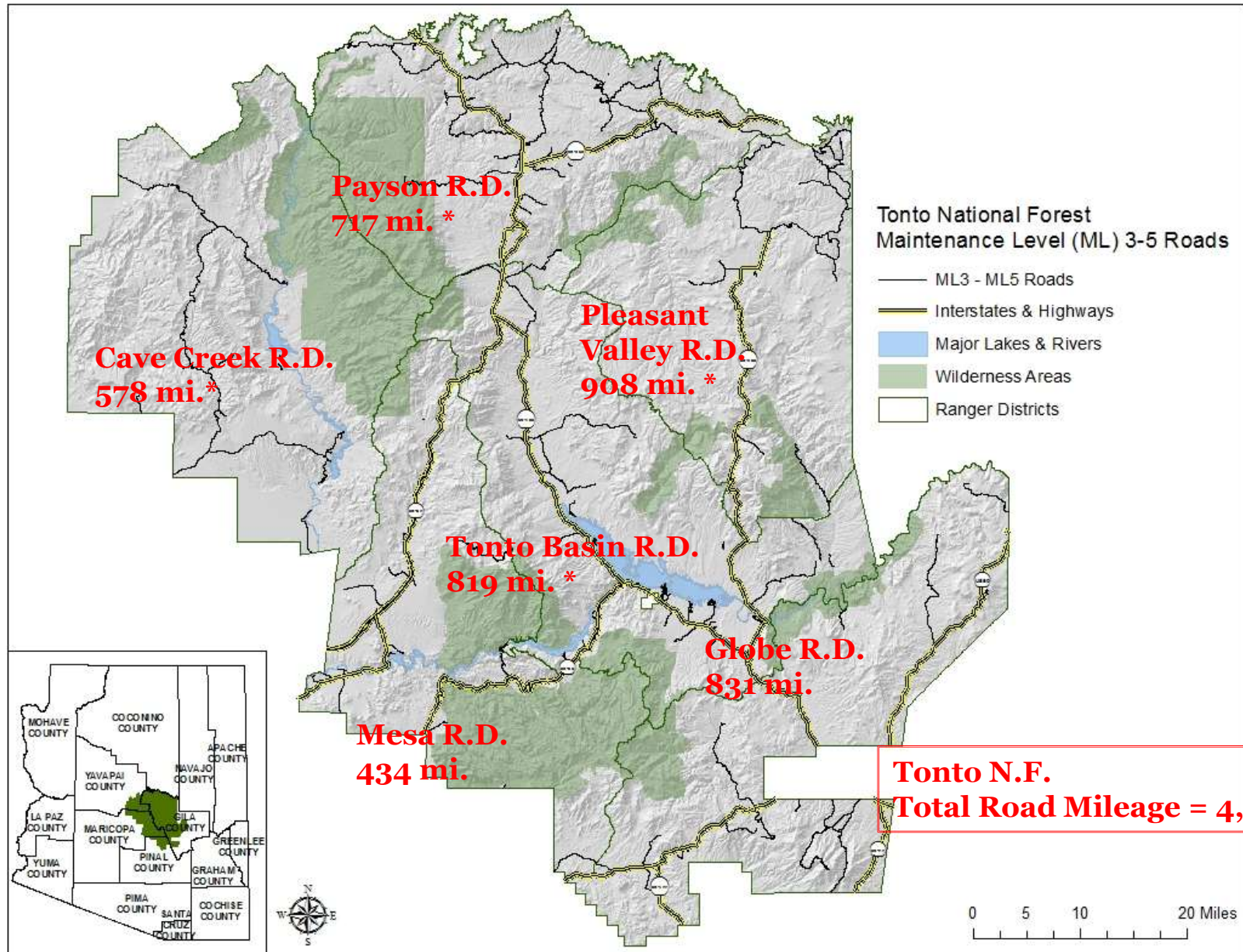
# Tonto N.F. – Major State Hwy Corridors



1. SR 88 Apache Trail (Historic) (Apache Junction to Roosevelt Dam)
2. SR 60 (Phx to Globe) (Globe to Show Low)
3. SR 177 (Superior to Kearney)
4. SR 70 (Globe to Safford)
5. SR 77 (SR 70 near Globe to Winkleman)
6. SR 188, Tonto Basin Hwy (Globe to SR 88)
7. SR 87 Beeline Hwy (Phx to Payson)
8. SR 260 (Payson to Showlow) (Payson to Camp Verde)
9. SR 288 Globe-Young Hwy (SR 188 to Young)



# Tonto N.F. Rd. Mileage Summary



# Background



To address the concerns about the effects of unmanaged off-highway vehicles (OHV's), Subpart B of the ***Travel Management Rule, (36 CFR Part 212)*** requires each national forest to:

*“provide for a system of national Forest System Roads, National Forest system trails, and areas ... that are designated by **vehicle class** and if appropriate, by **time of year**, for motor vehicle use. After these **roads, trails, and areas** are designated, motor vehicle use, not in accordance with these designations is prohibited...”*

- **A Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM)**, for each forest and/or district, will be published that shows where people are legally allowed to drive motor vehicles.

# Motor Vehicle Use Maps

## MVUM's



Motor Vehicle  
Use Map  
Nogales and  
Sierra Vista  
Ranger Districts  
Coronado National Forest



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- Designated by:
  - Route (Road or Trail)
  - Class of vehicle
  - Seasonal Restrictions (if any...)
  - Areas (cross-country travel)
- Subject to annual modification by adding or removing routes each year based on monitoring results.
- Dependent on Route Markers
- Legally Enforceable
- Consistent amongst forest/region/agency
- Other tools being developed...

# Status



- Each national forest has unique circumstances of each unit.
  - (Decentralized Organization...)
- Two forests (Prescott and Coronado) identified a designated motorized system in the late 1980's as part of an overall forest planning effort.
- Two forests (Kaibab and Coconino) have completed the required NEPA analyses (EIS) and have published MVUM's.
- Three forests (Tonto, Apache and Sitgreaves) are in the midst of completing NEPA (EIS) documents with MVUM publication following shortly thereafter.



# TMR Summary



Forest(s) Name	No. Miles of System Roads*	Status of NEPA Process	MVUM** Map Produced?	Comments	Additional Information
<b>Apache &amp; Sitgreaves</b>	6,205 (2,832 Open) (3,373 Closed)	DFEIS published Oct. 2010  NEPA process suspended due to impacts from Wallow Fire, may 2011  NEPA Process being restarted in FY2014 and schedule forthcoming	NO	Major landscape changes and infrastructure needs/impacts from Wallow fire to be considered	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/full/asnf/landmanagement/?cid=STELPRDB5200750&amp;width=full">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/full/asnf/landmanagement/?cid=STELPRDB5200750&amp;width=full</a>
<b>Coconino</b>	6,047 (4,051 Open) (1,996 Closed)	EIS / ROD completed Sept. 2011	YES (May 2012)	Implementation of MVUM is underway	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprdb5263010">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coconino/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprdb5263010</a>
<b>Coronado</b>	2,187 (2,102 Open) (85 closed)	Original road designations were made during Forest Plan development (1986) and amendments  NEPA currently in works for all 5 districts to consider changes to designated system.	YES (May 2011)	Collaborative process underway with U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution to help forest and stakeholders identify potential changes.	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprdb5350845">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/coronado/landmanagement/projects/?cid=stelprdb5350845</a>
<b>Kaibab</b>	6,299 (4,611 Open) (1,688 Closed)	EIS / ROD's completed for entire forest 2010 - 2012	YES (2011, 2013)	Implementation of MVUM is underway	
<b>Prescott</b>	1,296 (1,217 Open) (79 Closed)	Original Road and motorized Trail designations were made during Forest Plan Amendment, 1989.	YES (Aug. 2009)		<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/prescott/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5343602">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/prescott/landmanagement/?cid=stelprdb5343602</a>
<b>Tonto</b>	4,293 (2,677 Open) (1,616 Closed)	DEIS Released for Comments – FEIS/DRAFT ROD – Mid-July 2015 Final ROD – Mid- November 2015	NO (expected FY 2016)	EIS alternatives being considered include converting a significant amount of roads to “motorized trails” for use by all classes of vehicles.	<a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ton/landmanagement/projects">http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ton/landmanagement/projects</a>
<b>TOTALS</b>	26,404 Miles (15,595 Open) (9,259 Closed)				

# Conclusion



- FS transportation system is part of the larger state system that provides service to common customers.
- Implementation of TMR is a challenge.
  - Forest wide consistency is a goal
- Keys to effective implementation:
  - Engineering
  - Education
  - Enforcement
  - Communication
- As a partner agency, we ask that you provide feedback during remaining NEPA and implementation efforts.



Questions...